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NATIONAL POLICY FOR PWD
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has finalized a National Policy for Persons with Disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has compiled a compendium on some of the important judgements of Supreme Court and High Courts on the matters relating to rights and protection of the disabled persons including disabled senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken in compliance of some of the important orders of the court?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The National Policy announced in February 2006 recognizes Persons with disabilities as a valuable human resource for the country and seeks to create an environment that provides them with equal opportunities, protection of their rights and full participation in society. The focus of the policy is on prevention of disabilities and on rehabilitation.

(c) to (e) The office of the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has brought out a compendium entitled `Judgements on Disability Issues: Case Digest, 2005`. This has been brought out to provide guidance to practioners of law, lay persons and persons with disabilities.